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REMARKS

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1. At 2200 on 10 April 1955, units from the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse (4742) in Prenzlau started to leave for a summer camp. The following soldiers and materiel were entrained at the Prenzlau freight station: 4 T-34/85 tanks, 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 2 repair shop trucks, 3 trucks with van-like superstructure, 22 trucks with personnel including 8 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers and 57-mm AT guns, between 2200 and 2315; and 11 T-34/85 tanks, 1 T-34 tank without turret, 8 repair shop trucks, 2 trucks with van-like superstructure, 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 4 four-wheel armored personnel carriers, 1 armored scout car and 18 trucks with personnel between 0030 and 0100. 25X1
2. Prior to 10 April, there were no indications of a departure of the units from the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse (4741) in Prenzlau.
3. No loadings were observed in Prenzlau between 10 and 15 April.
4. At about 0700 on 16 April, all trucks with troops and guns, which had been entrained on 10 April, returned to Prenzlau from the direction of Templin. The 15 T-34/85 tanks and 10 armored personnel carriers did not return.
5. On 16 April, 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and some 20 trucks were seen in front of shed No 1 and near the adjoining sheds. In the west section of the installation, 9 field kitchens and 14 tank trucks were seen, compared to 1 field kitchen and 7 tank trucks seen between 11 and 15 April.
6. Normal training continued in the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse in Prenzlau. Driving school with tanks and trucks was daily observed in the town and the training area on Sternhagener Weg. A JSU-122 gun, 1 JS-2 tank and 1 T-34/85 tank were seen in the training area northwest of the installation. On 14 April, 2 T-34 tanks were unloaded at the Prenzlau freight station and subsequently entered the kaserne northwest of Berliner Strasse.

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7. The officer dependents' billets on Thorner Strasse were occupied as previously until 16 April.¹
8. During the first half of April, Camp Vogelsang (4823) was occupied to capacity. It was the impression that additional units had been quartered there.
9. On 5 April, a column of some 50 trucks with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some 20 radio trucks, jeeps, motorcycles with and without sidecars and 3 field kitchens arrived at the camp from the direction of Zehdenick.¹ 25X1
10. At about 1600 on 11 April, 25 to 30 trucks with pontoons entered Camp Vogelsang. At about noon on 12 April, 40 to 50 trucks carrying billeting equipment, bedsteads and straw mattresses arrived in Camp Vogelsang.²
11. On 13 April, heavy fire of artillery and rifles was heard from the area north and northwest of Camp Vogelsang throughout the day. MiG-15s were repeatedly seen attacking this area.³
12. At about 0800 on 14 April, the following column entered the Sued Lager (Vogelsang) from the direction of Zehdenick: 3 buses occupied by officers, 3 empty buses, 3 radio trucks, 3 repair shop trucks, 6 sidecar motorcycles, 4 field kitchens, and 12 trucks carrying boxes and equipment.²
13. At about 1430, 4 large ZIS-type sedans occupied by at least 1 general and several high-ranking officers and 5 sedans occupied by officers of various ranks entered the camp from the direction of Zehdenick. At about 1600, a large ZIS-type sedan left the camp.
14. Firing and noise of engines, which were heard from the area north and northwest of Camp Vogelsang, continued throughout 14 and 15 April. All troops from Camp Vogelsang had presumably left for this area. The usual supply traffic to the camp discontinued during the period mentioned.³
15. At about 0900 on 17 April, a troop train passed through the Oranienburg railroad station and proceeded toward Berlin. The shipment included 2 T-34 tanks, 2 T-34 tank chassis, 10 guns presumably 122-mm field howitzers, 4 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 12 BA-64 armored scout cars, 2 to 3 x 45-mm AT guns, 2 field kitchens, 15 flatcars with equipment and 12 to 15 boxcars with personnel. ⁴ 25X1
1. Comment. Observations on 16 April contradict the previous assumption that the elements of the 25th Tank Div, which departed on 10 April, started to leave for a summer camp. 25X1
2. Comment. The increased occupation of Camp Vogelsang, as well as the columns observed on 5, 11 and 14 April, confirm the assumption that the units of the 25th Tank Div which left Oranienburg between 8 and 12 April, are stationed in Camp Vogelsang with the bulk of the division. 25X1

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3. Comment. Major elements of the units of the 25th Tank Div stationed in Camp Vogelsang engaged in firing practices.

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4. Comment. According to composition of shipment, units of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which had left Satzkorn for Lychen at the Templin training grounds on 9 April

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